

## Managing a Mystery...

### **Parasite Control...Have You Ever Thought About Sericea Lespedeza?**

According to a publication of ATTRA - National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service and the Southern Consortium for Small Ruminant Parasite Control, in an article titled, "Parasites in Small Ruminants: Sericea Lespedeza," by Linda Coffey, Margo Hale, Tom Terrill, Jorge Mosjidis, Jim Miller, and Joan Burke, control of internal parasites, especially of *Haemonchus contortus* (barber pole worm, stomach worm), is a primary concern for the majority of sheep and goat producers. These parasites have become more difficult to manage because of increasing resistance to nearly all available dewormers. A severe infection of barber pole worm causes anemia, bottle jaw, and-if not treated-death of infected sheep and goats.

Mature parasites breed inside the host and "lay eggs," which pass through the host and are shed in the feces. After the eggs pass out of the host, they hatch into larvae. Warm, humid conditions encourage hatching of the eggs and development into infective larvae. The larvae need moisture, such as dew or rain, to break open the fecal pellet and move. They migrate out of the feces and up blades of grass (usually 1 to 3 inches). When an animal (sheep or goat) grazes, they may take in parasite larvae along with the grass blade. Parasite numbers increase over time when conditions are favorable (warm, wet). To read more, please click on the link below.

[Parasite Control...](#)

## This Week in the Meat Goat Markets...

### **Market Trends**

The American Boer Goat Association has embarked on providing its members a weekly service consisting of meat goat market trends from two of the largest markets in the United States.

Kid prices in San Angelo were firm to \$5.00/cwt. higher last week in more active trading due to fewer goats offered (USDA/AMS, 2/12/08). The number of goats offered last week was down 10% to 2,925 head. By contrast, goats offered in New Holland jumped 314 head to 1,188 head last week.

[Marketing Trends...](#)

## A Hop, Skip and Jump Away...

### **2008 ABGA/JABGA National Show Packet**

The 2008 ABGA/JABGA National Show Packet will be available in the

March/April issue of *The Boer Goat* magazine. The packet is complete with a show schedule, class structure, rules and guidelines and a "what's new at the national show" section. ABGA hopes that the 2008 show illustrates a family friendly schedule for your "Take Me Back to Tulsa" experience.

## JABGA Board Nomination Forms Available Online...

Planning to participate in the 2008 JABGA Board of Director Election process? This is the final reminder that nomination forms are due **March 1, 2008.**

The opportunity of being involved with the JABGA Board of Directors will not only enhance one's leadership skills, but provide preparation for a successful future. The premier responsibilities of a JABGA Board member are providing governance, direction, fundraising tactics and promotional qualities for the organization. Your dedicated time and willingness to enhance the future of the organization is appreciated. The United States has been broken up into 5 areas with two candidates being elected, by ballot vote, to represent each area. Approval of implementations to programs within the Junior American Boer Goat Association is structured through a governing system consisting of the JABGA Board of Directors, Youth Committee and subject to final approval from the ABGA Board of Directors. To view or complete the nomination form, please click on the link below.

[JABGA Board Nomination Form...](#)